UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	V
PATRICIA HUNTER,  Plaintiff,  -against-	Case No. 1:16-cv-08779-ER  ANSWER TO CROSS CLAIMS
PALISADES ACQUISITION XVI, LLC, SHARINN & LIPSHIE, P.C., HARVEY SHARINN,	
Defendants.	Y
	("S&L") and Harvey Sharinn ("Sharinn")
(collectively, the "S&L Defendants"), by their at	ttorneys Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck, LLP,

# ANSWERING THE FIRST CROSS CLAIM (Legal Malpractice against Sharinn & Lipshie, P.C. and Harvey Sharinn)

answer the Cross Claims of Defendant Palisades Acquisition XVI, LLC ("Palisades") as follows:

- 1. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "186" of Palisades' Answer to the Second Amended Complaint (hereinafter, "Palisades' Answer"), and respectfully refer the Court to the allegations in the Second Amended Complaint for their content and context.
  - 2. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "187" of Palisades' Answer.

# ANSWERING THE SECOND CROSS CLAIM (Contractual Indemnification against Sharinn & Lipshie, P.C.)

- 3. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "188" of Palisades' Answer, except admit that S&L is a party to a Legal Services Agreement with Data Search NY, Inc. d/b/a/TRAKAmerica, Inc., dated July 16, 2012.
  - 4. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "189" of Palisades' Answer.

### **ANSWERING THE THIRD CROSS CLAIM**

(Common Law Indemnification against Sharinn & Lipshie, P.C. and Harvey Sharinn)

5. Deny the allegations contained in paragraph "190" of Palisades' Answer.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

# AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. Palisades' cross claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrines of waiver, estoppel and laches.

#### AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Palisades' cross claims are barred, in whole or in part, by a lack of privity with the S&L Defendants.

# AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Palisades' cross claims are barred, in whole or in part, because of their own culpable conduct in causing the injury alleged in Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint.

#### **WHEREFORE**, the S&L Defendants hereby demand:

- a. Judgment dismissing Palisades' Cross Claims with prejudice; and
- b. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just, equitable and proper.

Dated: Woodbury, New York November 20, 2018

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